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In re the Application of: Hiroaki WAKI Group Art Unit: 1743

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Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 28, 2006, the response date of which having been extended by one month to October 28, 2006, Applicants amend the claims as follows and submit the following remarks.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.